

# CLARKE COURIER

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Editor and Proprietor.

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## Democratic Ticket.

ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 1899.

For State Senator for the district composed of the counties of Clarke, Warren and Page,

THOMAS D. GOLD,  
of Clarke county.

For the House of Delegates for the counties of Clarke and Warren,

ARTHUR L. WARTHEN,  
of Warren county.

## Announcement

To the Voters of Warren and Clarke:

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Member of the Virginia House of Delegates, to represent the district composed of the counties of Clarke and Warren, subject to the action of the democratic convention, to be held pursuant to the law.

Respectfully,  
ROBERT BROCKETT.

To the Voters of Clarke and Warren.

I would be proud of the honor of representing you in the Legislature of our grand old State, and if you will elect me I will devote my entire time and talent to your interest.

Yours,  
ARTHUR L. WARTHEN.

There is a demand by quite a number of papers of this country for the recall of Gen. Otis, in command of the American forces in the Philippines, who is thought by them to be incompetent for the position he holds. Whether they are in possession of enough of facts to warrant them in making such a demand is not stated. It is an easy matter to criticize military commanders when they are unsuccessful, but whether another could have done better with the same means at his command and the same obstacles to contend with is another matter. It is pointed out by the Chicago Record that twenty-one towns were captured by the forces operating under the direction of Gen. Otis—some of them two or three times—and of this number only three are held by the Americans. It would require a large force to garrison 21 towns with safety to the forces holding them, and at the same time hold in check the 200,000 inhabitants of Manila. The question arises, did Otis have men enough to hold these places? We don't think any of his critics will concede that he had troops enough for this.

With 65,000 men instead 35,000 we may anticipate hearing better news from Otis. But, the main question to consider is, will a new commander, backed by the strength of such an army as is being collected in Luzon, be in a better position to overawe the natives? Has Otis permitted such cruelties to be committed by his soldiers as to arouse among the natives a determination not to quit hostilities while he is in command? If this spirit has been invoked among the Filipinos, and we fear it has, unquestionably it would be good policy to relieve him. Cruel methods in warfare never awaken among a people who feel their severity a disposition to accept the terms of such a ruler.

The Boers, after observing that their opponents, the British, were talking as if peace was still in sight, though they were at the same time pouring fresh troops into their possessions in South Africa, determined to take the bit into their own mouth and bring matters to a focus. The Boers thereupon notified the British government that it must withdraw its forces facing their territory, and order the return of any of its troops now proceeding thither on water, naming last Friday as the utmost limit of time to which it would wait for a favorable answer. Of course, the British government had no favorable answer to send to this ultimatum, when the Boers took the initiative with their superior numbers and entered British territory. It is reported that an engagement has taken place between the Boers and the British, but this news lacks confirmation. Firing has occurred along the frontier lines. The Boers are stubborn fighters, but so are the British, and the latter, with their immense resources, will ultimately overwhelm the former.

Col. J. J. Williams, whose death is announced in our local columns, was an honor to manhood, because he illustrated those qualities which place it on life's highest plane; an honor to the legal profession, because he tempered his practice of it with the principles of law and justice, and an honor to society, because he was at all times a gentleman in the presence of all conditions of men. Winchester has lost one of its best type of citizens in his death.

Secretary of the Navy Long, while possessed of the power to make those engaged in that branch of the public service obedient to his will, has discovered that he does not possess this power over all the people of this country. At Minneapolis last Thursday he undertook to praise his special favorite, Admiral Sampson, as the hero of Santiago, when the Secretary's audience interrupted him by shouting, "Schley! Schley!" which caused him to cut his remarks short by quoting that naval hero's famous utterance, "there's glory enough to go around." The administration's efforts to make its Santiago naval pet the pet of the people has been so marked that the latter have grown resentful over the subject.

We trust that the democratic voters of this county have risen to a sense of the justice that lies in the claims of Mr. Warthen upon their support. That he is a democrat, and a good democrat, is shown by the fact that the people of his county chose him as the chairman of their county committee. He has been named as the nominee of the party by the joint convention of Clarke and Warren, composed of delegates chosen after giving as much notice of the primaries as is usually given. It ought not to be necessary to urge democrats to vote for the nominee of their party, and we hope all will come to this conclusion between now and the day of election.

Col. Bryan says the United States is morally estopped by her action in the Philippines from criticising the action of Great Britain in South Africa, and with this most of our thoughtful people will agree. Still, if we had never interfered with the affairs of Spain in Cuba, we would not have on hand the unfortunate war we are waging in the Philippines. After paying \$20,000,000 for the islands, we would not like to see them pass into the hands of Germany or some other strong foreign power, which result would follow our abandonment of them at this stage of the situation, therefore we are prone to believe that our authority over the islands ought to be established.

Our genial correspondent "K," is so overwhelming in his complements that we would not like to cross lances with him if it was necessary, but as we have fully discussed the issues he presents, in our controversy with Mr. Kownslar, we will not tire our readers with a rehash of our views. It will be observed that in concluding his letter "K," suggests the matter in controversy be submitted to the chairman of the State committee for decision. The friends of regularity are no doubt ready to accept a solution on that line.

Admiral Sampson has now a controversy on hand with Gen. Shafter for having stated that Capt. Chadwick, in command of the New York, dictated the spirit and wrote the letter Gen. Shafter sent to Gen. Torral, in command of the Spanish troops at Santiago on July 1st, 1898, demanding the surrender of his forces and the city. Gen. Shafter denies that Capt. Chadwick wrote the letter. It is rather peculiar that so many unpleasant incidents between persons of high rank should have grown out of our interference with Spain in Cuba.

Two girls, aged 11 and 12 years, were assaulted last Saturday near Roanoke by a white man named Wm. E. Garrison, a resident of that city, who has a wife and family. Garrison left, but was pursued and overtaken on a freight train of the N. & W., going northward. One of his pursuers fired at him, when he took to the woods and disappeared, as it was dark.

In the race between the British yacht, Shamrock, and the American yacht, Columbia, which was run off New York on Monday, the American won by a mile and a half lead. Several more races have to be run before the title to the international cup is established.

Judge John T. Harris, who represented the 7th Virginia district in Congress for about eight years, died at his home in Harrisonburg last Saturday night, in the 77th year of his age.

How to PREVENT CROUP.—We have two children who are subject to attacks of croup. Whenever an attack is coming on my wife gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always prevents the attack. It is a household necessity in this county and no matter what else we run out of, it would not do to be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. More of it is sold here than of all other cough medicines combined.—J. M. NICKLE, of Nickle Bros., merchants, Nickleville, Pa. For sale by W. Richardson, druggist.

"K" on the Political Situation in Clarke and Warren Counties.

[COMMUNICATED.]

My Dear Crown: I desire to say to your face what I have repeatedly said behind your back, viz: That I considered the COURIER, editorially, the fairest and squarest paper that I know; and, further, that I considered its editorials upon all questions of state or general government policy fully up to the great democratic city organs of the land.

Now, sir, such has been my opinion, whether worth anything or not, privately and publicly expressed. I have known you upon more occasions than one to disagree with the democratic party, both as to men and measures, but were always ready to sacrifice your private opinions for the good of the party, at all times counselling harmony and the healing of all party squabbles.

Such has been undeniably the course of the COURIER, and it is to be commended for it; but, my dear Crown, I am forced to say that in my judgment your strictures upon the letter of Mr. Kownslar in the last COURIER (Oct. 4th) are unfair, unjust and uncalled for. Let us look at the matter from a strictly unbiased and unprejudiced standpoint. So far as the two aspirants for Legislative honors from the county of Warren are concerned, I would not give the snap of my finger between them, nor would you as to that, but as our county is also involved and interested in the matter we are of course like wise personally interested. The truth is, Warren county is eternally in some political muddle or broil and is constantly running to Clarke to straighten out matters for her. She possesses such a plethora of statesmanship and is running over with such a superabundance of embryonic statesmen that the consequence is a constant friction and war. The honors cannot go round in an ordinary life-time, hence, they all want them at the same time, and, therefore, the devil is eternally to pay among the aspirants. I sometimes wish that we could be cut loose from Warren entirely and could be left to paddle our legislative canoe on our own hook, but as long as we are tied to Warren it is our duty to try to keep her straight, though our erring and obstreperous little sister gives us lots of trouble.

But, Mr. Editor, this is not what I started to talk about—it was Kownslar's letter and your reply to it, about which I am exercised.

Up to the day of the convention in Berryville, I had never heard of this "Jackson law," about which we now hear so much. Recently, I have read the Act and Jackson's explanation of it and of all the absurd, silly and nonsensical things to be called a law, in my opinion it takes the lead—a "thing" which could not possibly stand the test of the courts ten minutes. But, until repealed or pronounced unconstitutional, it is undeniably the LAW, and the question is what are we to do about it. Election laws are of course right and proper, but here is a law declaring HOW, WHEN and WHERE the two political parties, (not of the State of Virginia), but of the counties of Clarke and Warren, shall not elect but select their candidates; that, to be LAWFUL they shall not nominate them "less than 20 or more than 30 days before the regular election." Did mortal man ever hear of any such absurdity? The Congress of the United States does not say HOW or WHEN her servants are to be selected before an election; does not say even HOW or WHEN a President of the United States is to be nominated, but it remains for the Legislature of Virginia to declare by solemn enactment, that it is only upon certain conditions and at a CERTAIN time that the political parties of the counties of Clarke and Warren shall ever dare to say who are to be her candidates. Now, Mr. Editor, this Act is either no LAW, or it was intended as the perpetration of a huge, though senseless joke, upon the part of this modern Solon, Senator Jackson. If no LAW, then why is it incorporated in the Acts passed at the last Legislature of Virginia? If a JOKE, then we can truly say that our Senator is the funniest and most amusing man on earth. Further, let us now look at his explanation of the law, a law framed by HIM after weary, anxious and "protracted labor." What has he to say about it? Namely, that he simply and curtly advises the people to go ahead and play the devil and kick up generally "regardless of the law"—those are his words exactly, "regardless of the law." Here is a man whom we sent to our State Senate to make law, by which we were to be governed and who was personally instrumental in the construction of this law (and by the way, the only one so far as we ever heard that he ever took a hand in) coming home and gravely telling his people that it was no law, or, at least, "to be totally disregarded." Further, here is a man who for years has held an office in his county, the primary duties of which is to see that the laws are faithfully executed, advising his people to do things "regardless of the law." But, the inference to be drawn is that it was intended as a joke and that our Senator, like Falstaff, is a man "of infinite jest" and is much given to poking fun at his friends. Suppose that the so-called nominee should be elected and appear to take his seat, and his opponent should be there also, contesting the seat upon the grounds, as he would have the right to do, of illegality and disobedience of this law—the nominee might be seated, but if the next General Assembly be

composed of a majority of old members, as will likely be the case, it is to be presumed that the men who voted for this Jackson law would not make such "damphools" of themselves as to go back on the very law which they had so recently made, and then there would again be the devil to pay. But, the question is again, "What are we going to do about it?"

Again, you sneer at what Mr. Kownslar had to say about "rings" and "bosses." Was it not every word the truth? And have we not been governed by "rings" and "bosses" from time immemorial? Has it not always been the case and will it not always be the case? You may sneer as you please about this charge of "rings" and "bosses," but you know as well as any man that the charge is a just one and that you may designate the charge ROT, or anything you please, but that does not in the least alter the case. The "rings" and the "bosses" do exist and are composed mostly of our lawyers and politicians around the courthouse and also, in a great measure, of our county chairmen. Nor do we have far to go to ascertain why they exercise the influence, which they do—not that they possess more brains than the average citizen, but that they possess infinitely more brass and gab. The average citizen and voter thinks that he has made up his mind as to any political measure or personal political preference and straightway attends a convention or assembly of his party, when, forthwith, one of those graphophones or talking machines bobs up and the poor wavering devil is talked "dead." Take, for example, my friend "Marsh," who was a delegate to one of our recent conventions and spokesman in BORN, brighter than a pewter plate, keener than a trick dog, and by the time the average citizen was thoroughly harangued by him, he would not know whether he stood upon his head or his heels and would vote or do anything that this political acrobat would tell him. No "rings" or "bosses" indeed—the words are full of them. You say that if the Tyler men are in the ascendancy, why did they not show themselves at your Berryville primary? And, then, you instance the preference shown for Tyler by the Greenway and Chapel primaries. And pray what did that preference or those instructions amount to? For as soon as the convention met the graphophones were put to work, they were never more heard of again and it was straightway proclaimed to the world that the counties of Clarke and Warren were instructed for Senator Martin, when there is not a man of any intelligence in either county, but who knows that if the PEOPLE of the counties could have had an opportunity of expressing their preference, it would have been overwhelmingly in favor of Gov. Tyler. Why, I ask, were not the PEOPLE all over the state (as was the case in a few counties, in which the sentiment was decidedly in favor of Tyler) allowed to voice their preference? I answer simply because the whole machinery was in the hands of the "rings" and "bosses." Why was it that Henry Downing in the contest between Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and this gander-eyed Tom Martin, whom not one man in five hundred in the State had before ever heard of—why was it, I ask—that he should knowingly and willfully misrepresent the wishes of his people? Simply because he was one of the "ring" and one of the "bosses," and still you sneer at Kownslar's allusion to "rings" and "bosses." I could, with pertinence, allude to the great inconsistency of one of the factions in Warren county, who, two years ago, opposed the nominee and supported the independent, which is now clamorous for the so-called nominee, but this communication is already longer than it should be. Mr. Warthen is not the legally nominated candidate and you and Tom Gold and Marsh, McCormick and Charley Brown and the whole "caboodle" cannot make him one. I ask again, in conclusion, what's to be done about it? I cannot see, unless another convention is held—there is time enough for it. Or, how would it do to submit the whole question to our State Chairman? Anything to close up this terrible muddle.

K.

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Letter from Middlesex County.

SALUDA, VA., Oct. 7, '99.

DEAR COURIER: Suffer a few lines from a pilgrim of the dear old county of Clarke. My present home is the county-seat of Middlesex, about four miles south of the Rappahannock river. This county was until April, 1732, a part of Lancaster, which now graces the northern bank of the Rappahannock and parallels Middlesex to the Chesapeake Bay. This is the old home of the Hon. A. J. Montague, our esteemed Attorney-General, and from Saluda my father in the faith and ministry, Rev. Julian Broadbudd, moved to Berryville in or about 1833. He is still in the hearts of this noble people whom he served a number of years. The mention of his name reminds me of a story in this section. A couple with marriage in the eye went to Mr. Broadbudd to be joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. After the ceremony had been performed the groom, with as graceful a bow as he could command, said: "I'm much obliged to you, sir; I'll do as much for you some time!"

We are in the heart of the great oyster industry of the State, and it is in this section that "oysters grow on trees." This is often counted as a "tall story," but it is true. The oyster, like a fish, spawns and the spawn "strikes" on any rough surface with which it comes in contact, and there the oyster develops. Sometimes it is the case that branches of trees or bushes bend over into the water and furnish a convenient striking-place for the spawn. Hence, the above expression, and the statement you published some months ago about oysters growing on a plate of artificial teeth. I asked Capt. Nelson, the gentleman referred to in the statement, about the matter and he assured me that the statement was true.

What is raised here, but on a small scale. Corn is the larger crop of the two, and the present yield is good. Next to the oyster industry stands trucking. One man grew several acres of Irish potatoes last year and cleared a thousand dollars on them. One sees field after field of tomatoes, green peas, watermelons, cantaloupes and cucumbers in season, and it must not be forgotten that this is one of the homes of the sweet potato. Considerable attention is given to hay and some farmers make this their chief crop. The "no-fence law" indicates how we stand on the cattle question, and sometimes we are inclined to think the cow has not gotten over the moon, as beef is so high at this writing.

The chief article of fuel is Middlesex hickory, viz., pine; though chestnut, oak, poplar, maple and cypress abound. Large quantities of pine are shipped to Northern markets by the many vessels that ascend our rivers and many of the stately pines are cut for piling. Some of them measure over ninety feet in length. For conveyance to the river, where a raft is formed and towed by a tug to market, the larger end of a pile is placed between the two detached front rows of a wagon while a carry-log, or sort of skeleton cart, supports the other end.

I had the pleasure of my father's company the first part of the week. But judging from the fact that the Steamer's supply of oysters gave out before Urbanna wharf was reached and more had to be secured there we were led to conclude that his appetite for the bivalves had not diminished since his trip to Tidewater last spring, though it may be that the presence of Mr. W. J. Phillips, of derby hat, candy, and pie fame, had something to do with the early exhaustion of the oyster supply.

I am now on a field comprising two Baptist churches—Clark's Neck at Saluda, and Poroporne at Centerville, King and Queen county, twelve miles distant, near the old home of Thomas J. Cluverius. I preach at the former second and fourth Sundays, at the latter first and third—twice each Sunday except fourth Sunday night when the young people meet at Saluda. I am in the midst of a fine people, noted for the old-fashioned Virginia hospitality. Our mutual friend, Capt. John R. Nunn, who, by the way, is a native of King and Queen county, can tell you about the people more than I.

Rev. W. B. Lee lives at Gloucester C. H., twenty miles away, and is much beloved by the people among whom he lives and works.

I am personally acquainted with Rev. B. Cabell Hening, who is to assist Rev. Julian Broadbudd in a meeting at Berryville. He is now pastor of Fulton church in Richmond. He is one of the first preachers I ever heard, and I am truly grateful he is to be in the home of my youth. I bespeak for him the kind attention and consideration of all. Those who fail to hear him will fail to meet one of the best preachers in the State. If there is anything in the expression, "seeing is believing," let the people see him and hear him—then they will know that what I say is true.

With very best wishes for your prosperity and that of my native county and all her people,

Sincerely,  
ED. J. RICHARDSON.

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